# THE REAL FIELD WITH AN IRRATIONAL POWER FUNCTION AND A DENSE MULTIPLICATIVE SUBGROUP

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ABSTRACT. This paper provides a first example of a model theoretically well behaved structure consisting of a proper o-minimal expansion of the real field and a dense multiplicative subgroup of finite rank. Under certain Schanuel conditions, a quantifier elimination result will be shown for the real field with an irrational power function  $x^{\tau}$  and a dense multiplicative subgroup of finite rank whose elements are algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ . Moreover, every open set definable in this structure is already definable in the reduct given by just the real field and the irrational power function.

#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ . We will consider the multiplicative group  $(\mathbb{R}_{>0}, \cdot)$  as a  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear space where the multiplication is given by  $a^q$  for every  $q \in \mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ .

Schanuel condition. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$td_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a) + m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a) \ge m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(a),$$

where  $td_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a)$  is the transcendence degree of a over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ ,  $m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a)$  and  $m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(a)$  are the dimensions of the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ - and  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  generated by a.

Let  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = (\mathbb{R}, <, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$  be the field of real numbers and let  $x^{\tau}$  be the function on  $\mathbb{R}$  sending t to  $t^{\tau}$  for t > 0 and to 0 for  $t \leq 0$ . Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$  be the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ . The main result of this paper is the following:

**Theorem A.** Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy the Schanuel condition and let  $\Gamma$  be a dense subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  of finite rank with  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$ . Then every definable set in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \Gamma)$  is a boolean combination of sets of the form

$$\bigcup_{g \in \Gamma^n} \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^m : (x, g) \in S \},$$

where  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$  is definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau})$ . Moreover, every open set definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \Gamma)$  is already definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau})$ .

A finite rank subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  is a subgroup that is contained in the divisible closure of a finitely generated subgroup. In fact, we will prove Theorem A not only for finite rank subgroups, but also for subgroups whose divisible closure has the Mann property (see page 4 for a definition of the Mann property). By work of Bays, Kirby and Wilkie in [1] the Schanuel condition holds for co-countably many real numbers  $\tau$ . Assuming Schanuel's conjecture, the Schanuel condition also holds

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when  $\tau$  is algebraic (see page 4 for a statement of Schanuel's conjecture).

The significance of Theorem A comes from the fact that it produces the first example of a model theoretically well behaved structure consisting of a proper o-minimal expansion of the real field and a dense multiplicative subgroup of finite rank. So far it was only known by work of van den Dries and Günaydın in [5] that Theorem A holds if  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau})$  is replaced by  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . In particular, by [7], every open set definable in an expansion of the real field by a dense multiplicative subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  of finite rank is semialgebraic. However Tychonievich showed in [13] that the structure  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \Gamma)$  expanded by the restriction of the exponential function to the unit interval defines the set of integers and hence every projective subset of the real line. Such a structure is as wild from a model theoretic view point as it can be. In contrast to this, every expansion of the real field whose open definable sets are definable in an o-minimal expansion, can be considered to be well behaved. For details, see Miller [11] and Dolich, Miller and Steinhorn [3].

None of the assumptions of Theorem A can be dropped. By [8], Corollary 1.5,  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}})$  defines the set of integers. For  $\tau = \log_2(3)$ , the Schanuel condition fails. Since  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\log_2(3)}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}}3^{\mathbb{Z}})$  defines  $2^{\mathbb{Z}}$ , it also defines  $\mathbb{Z}$ . On the other hand, for a non-algebraic real number  $\tau$  satisfying the Schanuel condition such that  $2^{\tau}$  is not in  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$ , we have again that  $2^{\mathbb{Z}}$  is definable  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, 2^{\mathbb{Z}}2^{\tau\mathbb{Z}})$  and so is  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

However, Theorem A holds for certain multiplicative subgroups containing elements that are not algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ .

**Theorem B.** Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfy the Schanuel condition, let  $a_1, ..., a_n \in \mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$  and let  $\Delta$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear subspace of  $(\mathbb{R}_{>0}, \cdot)$  generated by  $a_1, ..., a_n$ . Then every definable set in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \Delta)$  is a boolean combination of sets of the form

$$\bigcup_{g \in \Delta^n} \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^m : (x, g) \in S \},$$

where  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$  is definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau})$ . Moreover, every open set definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \Delta)$  is already definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau})$ .

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- 1.2. Coventions and notations. Above and in the rest of the paper l, m, n always denote natural numbers. Also as usual 'definable' means 'definable with parameters' and when we want to make the language and the parameters explicit we write  $\mathfrak{L}\text{-}B\text{-}definable$  to mean definable in the appropriate  $\mathfrak{L}\text{-}structure$  using parameters from the set B.

In all instances, K will be either  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and  $\Gamma$  will always denote a multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Further, every linear space considered in this paper will be a linear subspace of  $(M_{>0}, \cdot)$  and not of (M, +), where M is a real closed field. In the case that  $M_{>0}$  is a K-linear space, we will write  $\mathrm{m.dim}_K(S_1/S_0)$  for the K-linear dimension of the quotient linear space of the K-linear space generated by  $S_0 \cup S_1$ 

and  $S_0$ , where  $S_0, S_1 \subseteq M_{>0}$ .

For a given variety W, we will write dim W for its dimension. For sets  $X_0, X_1$  in a field extending  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  we will write  $\operatorname{td}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(X_1/X_0)$  for the transcendence degree of the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)(X_1 \cup X_0)/\mathbb{Q}(\tau)(X_0)$ .

As usual, for any subset  $S \subseteq X \times Y$  and  $x \in X$ , we write S(x) for the set

$$\{y\in Y\ :\ (x,y)\in S\}.$$

For a subset  $S \subseteq X^n$ ,  $x \in S$  and a projection  $\pi: X^n \to X^l$ , we write  $S(\pi(x))$  for the set

$${y \in S : \pi(y) = \pi(x)}.$$

1.3. **O-minimality.** Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  and let  $x^{\tau}$  be the function on  $\mathbb{R}$  sending t to  $t^{\tau}$  for t > 0 and to 0 for  $t \leq 0$ . In this paper we consider the structure  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau)$ . We write T for its theory and  $\mathfrak{L}$  for its language. In [10] Miller showed that the theory T is o-minimal and model complete.

In the rest of this paper only the following facts about the o-minimality of T will be used:

Let M be a model of T. A definable subset C of  $M^n$  is a *cell*, if for some projection  $\pi: M^n \to M^m$ ,  $\pi$  is a homeomorphism of C onto its image and  $\pi(C)$  is open. Since T is o-minimal, every definable set  $X \subseteq M^n$  is a finite union of cells which are defined over the same parameter set.

Let A be any subset of M. We write  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A)$  for the definable closure of A in M. By o-minimality of T,  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A)$  is itself a model of T. Moreover, the function  $\mathbf{cl}_T(-)$  is a pregeometry; that is for every  $A \subseteq M$ ,  $a \in A$  and  $b \in M$ 

- (i)  $A \subseteq \mathbf{cl}_T(A)$ ,
- (ii)  $b \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A)$  iff  $b \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A_0)$ , for some finite  $A_0 \subseteq A$ ,
- (iii)  $\mathbf{cl}_T(\mathbf{cl}_T(A)) = \mathbf{cl}_T(A),$
- (iv) if  $b \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A) \setminus \mathbf{cl}_T(A \setminus \{a\})$ , then  $a \in \mathbf{cl}_T((A \setminus \{a\}) \cup \{b\})$ .

Property (iv) is called the Steinitz exchange principle.

For two subsets  $A, B \subseteq M$ , we will say that A is  $cl_T$ -independent over B if for every  $a \in A$ 

$$a \notin \mathbf{cl}_T(B \cup (A \setminus \{a\})).$$

Let M, M' be two models of T, let  $N \leq M, N' \leq M'$  and let  $\beta: N \to N'$  be an  $\mathfrak{L}$ -isomorphism. Let  $a \in M$  and  $b \in M'$  be such that a < c iff  $b < \beta(c)$ , for all  $c \in N$ . Then there is an  $\mathfrak{L}$ -isomorphism  $\beta': \mathbf{cl}_T(N,a) \to \mathbf{cl}_T(N',b)$  extending  $\beta$  and sending a to b.

## 2. A SCHANUEL CONDITION AND THE MANN PROPERTY

Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . As above, we will consider  $(\mathbb{R}_{>0},\cdot)$  as a  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear space. For  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n_{>0}$ , we write  $\mathrm{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a)$  and  $\mathrm{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(a)$  for the dimensions of the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -and  $\mathbb{Q}$ -linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  generated by a.

Condition 2.1. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$td_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a) + m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(a) \ge m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(a).$$

This condition has been analysed in [1]. The main theorem of [1] states that Condition 2.1 holds for co-countably many real numbers.

**Theorem 2.2.** ([1] Theorem 1.3) Let  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\tau$  is not  $\emptyset$ -definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, \exp)$ , then Condition 2.1 holds.

It is not known whether there is any other irrational number  $\tau$  such that Condition 2.1 holds. However it follows easily from a famous open conjecture of Schanuel, that every *algebraic* real number  $\tau$  satisfies Condition 2.1. The conjecture states as follows.

Conjecture 2.3. (Schanuel's Conjecture) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then

$$td_{\mathbb{Q}}(a, \exp(a)) \ge m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(\exp(a)).$$

2.1. **The Mann property.** In this section we consider the Mann property and its connection to Condition 2.1. Let F be a field, E be a subfield of F and G be any subgroup of the multiplicative group  $F^{\times}$ . Consider equations of the form

$$(1) a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n = 1,$$

where  $a_1, ..., a_n \in E$ . We say a solution  $(g_1, ..., g_n) \in G^n$  of (1) is non-degenerate if for every non-empty subset I of  $\{1, ..., n\}$ ,  $\sum_{i \in I} a_i g_i \neq 0$ . Further we say that G has the Mann property over E if every equation of the above type (1) has only finitely many non-degenerate solutions in  $G^n$ . We also call an element  $g \in G^n$  a Mann solution of G over E if it is a non-degenerate solution in  $G^n$  of an equation of the form (1).

In fact, it follows from work of Evertse in [6] and van der Poorten and Schlickewei in [12] that every finite rank multiplicative subgroup of a field of characteristic 0 has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Combining this with [5], Proposition 5.6, we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.4.** Every finite rank multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ .

We conclude this section by showing that under Condition 2.1 the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear space generated by a *divisible* multiplicative subgroup  $\Gamma$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ , if  $\Gamma$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and every element of  $\Gamma$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ .

**Proposition 2.5.** Assume Condition 2.1 holds for  $\tau$ . Let  $\Gamma$  be a divisible multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  with  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$  and  $\Delta$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  generated by  $\Gamma$ . Then

- (i) every Mann solution of  $\Delta$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  is in  $\Gamma$  and
- (ii)  $\Delta$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ , if  $\Gamma$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ .

*Proof.* It is enough to show (i). Therefor let  $a_1, ..., a_n \in \mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and let  $g = (g_1, ..., g_n) \in \Delta^n$  be such that

$$(2) a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_n g_n = 1$$

and for all  $I \subseteq \{1, ..., n\}$ 

$$\sum_{i \in I} a_i g_i \neq 0.$$

We will show that  $q \in \Gamma^n$ .

Let  $h \in \Gamma^m$  be such that  $\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g/h) = 0$  and  $\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(h) = m$ . Let k be the maximal natural number such that there is a subtuple g' of g of length k such that  $\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(g'/h) = k$ . It just remains to verify that k = 0. For a contradiction, suppose that k > 0. By (2) and (3), we have that

$$\operatorname{td}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g'/h) < k.$$

Since every coordinate of h is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ ,

$$\operatorname{td}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(h, g') + \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(h, g') < k + m = \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(h, g').$$

This contradicts Condition 2.1.

#### 3. Tori and special pairs

Let M be a model of T. In the following we will consider  $(M_{>0}, \cdot)$  as a K-linear space where K is either  $\mathbb{Q}$  or  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and the multiplication is given by  $a^q$  for every  $q \in K$  and  $a \in M_{>0}$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A basic K-torus  $L_0$  of  $M^n$  is the set of solutions of equations of the form

$$\begin{split} x_1^{p_{1,1}} \cdot \ldots \cdot x_n^{p_{1,n}} &= 1, \\ & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_1^{p_{l,1}} \cdot \ldots \cdot x_n^{p_{l,n}} &= 1, \end{split}$$

where  $p_{i,j} \in K$ .

For  $b \in M^m$ , a K-torus L over b is a subset of  $M_{>0}^n$  of the form  $L_0(b)$ , for some basis K-torus  $L_0$  of  $M_{>0}^{m+n}$ . We will write dim L for the dimension of L which is given by the corank of the matrix  $(p_{i,j})_{i=1,\dots,l,j=m+1,\dots,m+n}$ .

The dimension of a torus and the linear dimension of a tuple in  $M_{>0}$  correspond to each other. Let  $a \in M^n$ ,  $b \in M^m$  and let L be the minimal  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus over b containing a. Then

$$\dim L = \mathrm{m.dim}_{\mathbb{O}(\tau)}(a/b).$$

For the following, the reader is reminded that for a set  $S \subseteq M^n$ ,  $y \in S$  and a projection  $\pi: M^n \to M^l$  we write  $S(\pi(y))$  for the set

$$\{z \in S : \pi(z) = \pi(y)\}.$$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $W \subseteq M^n$  be a variety and let L be a  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus. The pair (W,L) is called special, if n=0 or

$$\dim W(\pi(y)) + \dim L(\pi(y)) < n - l,$$

for every point  $y \in W \cap L$  and every projection  $\pi : M^n \to M^l$ , where  $l \in \{0,...,n\}$ .

Note that the notion of specialness is first order expressible. In particular, for given variety  $W \subseteq M^{m+n}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus  $L \subseteq M^{m+n}$ , the set

$$\{a \in M^m : (W(a), L(a)) \text{ is special } \}$$

is  $\mathfrak{L}$ -definable, where  $\mathfrak{L}$  is the language of  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau)$ .

3.1. A Mordell-Lang Theorem for special pairs. Let  $\Gamma$  be a multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  such that the divisible closure of  $\Gamma$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and  $\Gamma$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$ , the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ . Further,

let 
$$\Delta$$
 be the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  generated by  $\Gamma$ .

In this subsection we will prove the following theorem about special pairs defined over parameters from  $\Delta$ . Its statement is similar to a conjecture of Mordell and Lang.

**Theorem 3.3.** Assume Condition 2.1. Let  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{l+n}$  be a variety defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and let  $L \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{l+n}$  be a basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus. Then there are finitely many basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -tori  $L_1, ..., L_m$  and  $g_1, ..., g_m \in \Gamma^{l+n}$  such that

(4) 
$$\{(h,y) \in \Delta^l \times \mathbb{R}^n : (W(h), L(h)) \text{ is special } \} \cap W \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m g_i \cdot L_i.$$

and dim  $L_i(z) < n$ , if n > 0, for every  $z \in \mathbb{R}^l$  and i = 1, ..., m.

For the proof of Theorem 3.3 the following lemma is needed.

**Lemma 3.4.** Assume Condition 2.1. Let  $g \in \Delta^l$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and let W be a variety defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)(g)$  and L be an  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus over g. If the pair (W, L) is special and  $y \in W \cap L$ , then  $y \in \Delta^n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $y = (y_1, ..., y_n) \in W \cap L$ . If (W, L) is special, we have that for every subset  $I \subseteq \{1, ..., n\}$ 

(5) 
$$\operatorname{td}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}((y_j)_{j \notin I}/g, (y_i)_{i \in I}) + \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}((y_j)_{j \notin I}/g, (y_i)_{i \in I}) < n - |I|.$$

For a contradiction suppose that  $y \notin \Delta^n$ . We easily can reduce to the case that g, y are multiplicatively independent, ie.  $\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(g, y) = l + n$ . By (5)

$$\operatorname{td}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(y/g) + \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(y/g) < n.$$

By definition of  $\Delta$ , we can assume there is  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and a subtuple  $h \in (\Delta \cap \mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac})^s$  of g such that

$$\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{O}(\tau)}(g/h) = 0.$$

Hence

$$td_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g, y) + m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g, y)$$

$$= td_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g) + m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g) + td_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(y/g) + m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(y/g)$$

$$< l - s + s + n = l + n.$$

By Condition 2.1,  $\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(g,y) < l+n$ . This is a contradiction to our assumption on g and y.

In [5] it is shown that the Mann property implies the Mordell-Lang property. In our notation [5], Proposition 5.8, is stated as follows:

**Lemma 3.5.** Let G be a multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  with the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ . Then for every variety  $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ , there are finitely many basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -tori  $L_1,...,L_m$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n_{>0}$  and  $g_1,...,g_m \in G^n$  such that

$$W \cap G^n = \bigcup_{i=1}^m g_i \cdot L_i \cap G^n.$$

Moreover, every coordinate of  $g_1, ..., g_n$  is a coordinate of a Mann solution of G over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ .

The fact that every coordinate of  $g_1, ..., g_n$  is a coordinate of a Mann solution over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  is not in the statement of [5], Proposition 5.8, but explicit in its proof.

Proof of Theorem 3.3. Since the divisible closure of  $\Gamma$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ ,  $\Delta$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  by Proposition 2.5(ii). Hence by Lemma 3.5 there are basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -tori  $L_1, ..., L_m$  and  $g_1, ..., g_m \in \Delta^{l+n}$  such that

(6) 
$$W \cap \Delta^{l+n} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{m} g_i \cdot L_i \cap \Delta^{l+n}.$$

By Proposition 2.5(i), every Mann solution over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  of  $\Delta$  is in the divisible closure of  $\Gamma$ . Hence every coordinate of  $g_1, ..., g_m$  is in the divisible closure of  $\Gamma$  by Lemma 3.5. After changing the  $L_i$ 's slightly, we can even take  $g_1, ..., g_m \in \Gamma^{l+n}$ . Finally, the left hand side of (4) in the statement of the theorem is contained in  $\Delta^{l+n}$  by Lemma 3.4.

For the second statement of the theorem, let  $i \in \{1, ..., m\}$  and let (h, y) be in the intersection of the left hand side of (4) and  $g_i \cdot L_i$ . Since (W(h), L(h)) is special, we have  $\dim W(h) < n$ . Hence  $\dim L_i(h) < n$  by (6). It follows directly that  $\dim L_i(z) < n$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{R}^l$ .

#### 4. The axiomatization

Let  $\Gamma$  be a multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  such that the divisible closure of  $\Gamma$  has the Mann property over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and  $\Gamma$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear subspace of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  generated by  $\Gamma$ . Further we assume that

(7) 
$$|\Gamma:\Gamma^{[d]}|<\infty, \text{ for every } d\in\mathbb{N},$$

where  $\Gamma^{[d]}$  is the group of dth powers of  $\Gamma$ . In the rest of this section, axiomatizations of  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Gamma)$  and  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Delta)$  will be given.

Note that (7) holds for every multiplicative subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}_{>0}$  which has finite rank.

4.1. **Abelian subgroups.** Let G be a multiplicative subgroup of  $(M_{>0}, \cdot)$  for some real closed field M. For  $k = (k_1, ..., k_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $g = (g_1, ..., g_n) \in G^n$ , we define

$$\chi_k(g) := g_1^{k_1} \cdot \ldots \cdot g_n^{k_n}.$$

Also, for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we will write

$$D_{k,m} := \{ g \in G^n : \chi_k(g) \in G^{[m]} \}.$$

Note that  $(G^{[m]})^n \subseteq D_{k,m}$ . Hence whenever  $G^{[m]}$  is of finite index in G we have that  $D_{k,m}$  is of finite index in  $G^n$ . This implies that both  $D_{k,m}$  and  $G^n \setminus D_{k,m}$  are finite unions of cosets of  $(G^{[m]})^n$ . Using the fact that the collection  $\{(G^{[m]})^n : m \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a distributive lattice of subgroups of  $G^n$ , we get the following consequence.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let n > 0,  $k_1, \ldots, k_s \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $m_1, \ldots, m_t \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that  $|G:G^{[m_j]}|$  is finite for  $j=1,\ldots,t$ . Then every boolean combination of cosets of  $D_{k_i,m_j}$  in  $G^n$  with  $i \in \{1,\ldots,s\}$  and  $j \in \{1,\ldots,t\}$  is a finite union of cosets of  $(G^{[l]})^n$ , where l is the lowest common multiple of  $m_1,\ldots,m_t$ .

We say a subgroup H of G is *pure*, if  $h \in H^{[n]}$  whenever  $h \in G^{[n]}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For a pure subgroup H of G and a subset A of G, we define  $H_G\langle A\rangle$  as the set of  $g \in G$  such that  $g^n$  is in the subgroup of G generated by H and A for some n > 0; that is there are  $h \in H$ ,  $a \in A^t$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^t$ , such that  $g^n = h \cdot \chi_k(a)$ . Note that  $H_G\langle A\rangle$  is the smallest pure subgroup of G containing A and H.

4.2. Languages and Mordell-Lang axioms for special pairs. Let  $\mathfrak L$  be the language of  $(\overline{\mathbb R}, x^{\tau}, \tau)$ . We define the language  $\mathfrak L_{\Gamma}$  as  $\mathfrak L$  augmented by a constant symbol  $\dot{\gamma}$  for every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . The  $\mathfrak L$ -structure  $(\overline{\mathbb R}, x^{\tau}, \tau)$  naturally becomes a  $\mathfrak L_{\Gamma}$ -structure by interpreting every  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  as  $\dot{\gamma}$ . Let  $T_{\Gamma}$  be the theory of this  $\mathfrak L_{\Gamma}$ -structure. Finally let  $\mathfrak L_{\Gamma}(U)$  be the language  $\mathfrak L_{\Gamma}$  expanded by an unary predicate symbol U.

Let W be a variety defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and let L be a basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus. Note that both W and L are  $\mathfrak{L}$ - $\emptyset$ -definable. Further let  $\varphi$  be the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -formula which defines the set

$$S:=\{(g,y)\in\Gamma^l\times\mathbb{R}^n:\ (g,y)\in W\ \text{and}\ (W(g),L(g))\ \text{is special}\}.$$

By Theorem 3.3, there are basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -tori  $L_1,...,L_m$  and  $\gamma_1,...,\gamma_m\in\Gamma^{l+n}$  such that S is a subset of the union of  $\gamma_1\cdot L_1,...,\gamma_m\cdot L_m$  and  $\dim L_i(z)< n$  for every i=1,...,m and  $z\in\mathbb{R}^l$ . Let  $k_{i,1},...,k_{i,s_i}\in\mathbb{Z}^{l+n}$  be such that

$$L_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \chi_{k_{i,j}}(x) = 1, \text{ for } j = 1, ..., s_i\}.$$

The Mordell-Lang axiom of (W, L) is defined as the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -formula  $\psi_{(W,L)}$  given by

$$\varphi(x) \to \bigvee_{i=1}^m \bigwedge_{j=1}^{s_i} \chi_{k_{i,j}}(x) = \chi_{k_{i,j}}(\gamma_i).$$

- 4.3. The theory. We consider the class of all  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -structure (M,G) satisfying the following axioms:
  - (A1) M is a model of  $T_{\Gamma}$ ,
  - (A2) G is a dense multiplicative subgroup of M with pure subgroup  $\Gamma$ ,
  - (A3)  $|\Gamma : \Gamma^{[n]}| = |G : G^{[n]}|$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,
  - (A4)  $L \cap (G \setminus \{1\})^n = \emptyset$ , for every basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus  $L \subseteq M^n$  which is not a basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -torus.
  - (A5) Mordell-Lang axiom  $\psi_{W,L}$  for every variety  $W \subsetneq M^{l+n}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and every basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus  $L \subseteq M^{l+n}$ ,
  - (A6) the set

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{m} \{ a \in M : \forall g \in G^{l} \ f_{i}(g,b) \neq a \}$$

is dense in M, for all  $b\in M^n$  and  $\mathfrak{L}$ - $\emptyset$ -definable functions  $f_1,...,f_m:M^{l+n}\to M$ .

One can easily show that there is a first order  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -theory whose models are exactly the structures satisfying (A1)-(A6). Let  $T_{\Gamma}(\Gamma)$  be this  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -theory.

**Proposition 4.2.** Assume Condition 2.1. Then  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Gamma) \models T_{\Gamma}(\Gamma)$ .

*Proof.* The axioms (A1)-(A3) hold by definition. Axiom (A5) is implied by Theorem 3.3. Since  $\Gamma$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)^{ac}$ , it is countable and hence (A6) holds for  $\Gamma$ . Finally consider axiom (A4). Let L be a basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus  $L \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  which is not a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -torus. For a contradiction, suppose there is  $g \in (\Gamma \setminus \{1\})^n$  such that  $g \in L$ . Since every element of  $\Gamma$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and L is not a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -torus, we get

$$\operatorname{td}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g) + \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g) = 0 + \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}(\tau)}(g) < \operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(g).$$

This contradicts Condition 2.1.

For an axiomatization of  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Delta)$ , consider the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -structures (M, G) satisfying

- (A7) G is a dense multiplicative subgroup of M with subgroup  $\Delta$ ,
- (A8)  $g^p \in G$ , for every  $g \in G$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ .

Let  $T_{\Gamma}(\Delta)$  be the first order  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -theory whose models are exactly the structures satisfying (A1) and (A5)-(A8).

**Proposition 4.3.** Assume Condition 2.1. Then  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Delta) \models T_{\Gamma}(\Delta)$ .

Among other things, it will be shown in the next section that both  $T_{\Gamma}(\Gamma)$  and  $T_{\Gamma}(\Delta)$  are complete.

### 5. Quantifier elimination

In this section, the first part of Theorem A and Theorem B is proved. We continue with the notation fixed at beginning of the last section (see page 7). In the following,  $\tilde{T}$  is either  $T_{\Gamma}(\Gamma)$  or  $T_{\Gamma}(\Delta)$ .

Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  be a tuple of distinct variables. For every  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -formula  $\varphi(x)$  of the form

(8) 
$$\exists y_1 \cdots \exists y_n \bigwedge_{i=1}^n U(y_i) \wedge \psi(x, y_1, \dots, y_n),$$

where  $\psi(x, y_1, \ldots, y_n)$  is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -formula, let  $U_{\varphi}$  be a new relation symbol of arity m. Let  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$  be the language  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$  with relation symbols  $U_{\varphi}$  for every  $\varphi$  of the form (8). Let  $\tilde{T}^+$  be the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$ -theory extending the theory  $\tilde{T}$  by axioms

$$\forall x (U_{\varphi}(x) \leftrightarrow \varphi(x)),$$

for each  $\varphi$  of the form (8). In order to show the first part of Theorem A and Theorem B, one has to show the following:

**Theorem 5.1.** The theory  $\tilde{T}^+$  has quantifier elimination.

The rest of this section will provide a proof of Theorem 5.1. In fact, we will give the proof only for  $\tilde{T} = T_{\Gamma}(\Gamma)$ . The case of  $T_{\Gamma}(\Delta)$  can be handled in almost exactly the same way. We will comment on the differences at the end of this section.

5.1. **Main Lemma.** This subsection establishes the main technical lemma used in the proof of Theorem 5.1. Therefor the following instance of Jones and Wilkie [9], Theorem 4.2, is needed.

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $M \models T$  and  $b \in M, A \subseteq M$ . If  $b \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A)$ , then there are  $y \in M^n$ , a variety W defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)(A)$  and an  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus L over A such that  $(b,y) \in W \cap L$  and

$$\dim W + \dim L \le n + 1.$$

Further y can be assumed to be multiplicatively independent over b, A, ie. for every  $a \in A^m$ 

$$m.dim_{\mathbb{Q}}(y/b,a) = n.$$

**Lemma 5.3.** Let  $(M,G) \models \tilde{T}$  and H be a pure subgroup of G containing all interpretations of the constants  $\dot{\gamma}$ , where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Then

$$cl_T(H) \cap G = H.$$

*Proof.* The inclusion  $H \subset \mathbf{cl}_T(H) \cap G$  is trivial. It is just left to show that whenever  $g \in \mathbf{cl}_T(H) \cap G$ , then g is also in H. So let  $g \in \mathbf{cl}_T(H) \cap G$ . By Proposition 5.2, there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there are  $h \in (H \setminus \{1\})^m$ ,  $y \in M^n$ , a variety  $W \subseteq M^{m+1+n}$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and a basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus  $L \subseteq M^{m+1+n}$  such that

$$(g,y) \in W(h) \cap L(h),$$

(9) 
$$\dim W(h) + \dim L(h) \le n + 1$$

and

(10) 
$$\operatorname{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(y/h',g) = n$$
, for every  $h' \in H^l$ .

Take n minimal with this property.

We will now show that n=0. For a contradiction, suppose that n>0. We first prove that the pair (W(h,g),L(h,g)) is special. Towards a contradiction, suppose there are  $z \in W(h,g) \cap L(h,g)$ , l < n and a projection  $\pi: M^n \to M^l$  with

$$\dim W(h,g)(\pi(z)) + \dim L(h,g)(\pi(z)) \ge n - l.$$

Let  $W' \subseteq M^{l+1}$  be the variety defined by all polynomial equations over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)(h)$  which are satisfied by  $(g, \pi(z))$  and let  $L' \subseteq M^{l+1}$  be the smallest  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus over h which contains  $(g, \pi(z))$ . Then

$$\dim W' + \dim L'$$

$$\leq \dim W(h) + \dim L(h) - \dim W(h, g)(\pi(z)) - \dim L(h, g)(\pi(z))$$

$$\leq n + 1 - (n - l) = l + 1.$$

But this contradicts the minimality of n. Hence (W(h,g),L(h,g)) is special. By (A5), there are  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  and a basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -torus  $L_0$  such that  $(h,g,y) \in \gamma \cdot L_0$  and  $\dim L_0(h,g) < n$ . Hence  $\mathrm{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(y/\gamma,h,g) < n$ . This is a contradiction against (10). Hence n=0.

Since n=0, there is a variety  $W\subseteq M$  defined over  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$  and a basic  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -torus  $L\subseteq M$  such that  $g\in W(h)\cap L(h)$  and

(11) 
$$\dim W(h) + \dim L(h) \le 1.$$

First consider the case that  $\dim W(h) = 1$ . By (11),  $\dim L(h) = 0$ . By (A4) and  $(h,g) \in L$ , L is a basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -torus. Hence  $\mathrm{m.dim}_{\mathbb{Q}}(g/h) = 0$ . Since H is pure and  $g \in G$ , we have  $g \in H$ .

Now consider dim W(h) = 0. By Definition 3.2 of specialness and  $(h, g) \in G^{m+1}$ , the pair (W(h, g), L(h, g)) is special. By (A5), there are a basic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -torus  $L_0$  and a  $\gamma \in \Gamma$  such that  $(h, g) \in \gamma \cdot L_0$ . As above, we get  $g \in H$ .

**Corollary 5.4.** Let  $(M,G) \models \tilde{T}$  and H be a pure subgroup of G containing all interpretations of the constants  $\dot{\gamma}$ , where  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . If A is  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ -independent over G, then

$$cl_T(A, H) \cap G = H.$$

*Proof.* H is obviously a subset of  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A, H) \cap G$ . By Lemma 5.3 it is only left to show that

(12) 
$$\mathbf{cl}_T(A,H) \cap G \subseteq \mathbf{cl}_T(H) \cap G.$$

So let  $g \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A, H) \cap G$  and A' be a minimal subset of A such that  $g \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A', H) \cap G$ . For a contradiction, suppose that A' is non-empty and let  $a \in A'$ . By minimality of A', we have  $g \notin \mathbf{cl}_T(A' \setminus \{a\}, H)$ . But then the Steinitz Exchange Principle implies that  $a \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A' \setminus \{a\}, g, H)$ . Since  $g \in H \subseteq G$ , we get that

$$a \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A' \setminus \{a\}, G).$$

But this is a contradiction to the  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ -independence of A over G. Hence A' is empty and  $g \in \mathbf{cl}_T(H) \cap G$ . Thus (12) holds.

- 5.2. Back and forth. Let (M, G), (M', G') be two  $(|\Gamma|)^+$ -saturated models of  $\tilde{T}$ . Then M, M' are models of  $T_{\Gamma}$ . Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of all  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -elementary maps from M to M'. Let  $\mathcal{E}$  be the set of all  $\beta \in \mathcal{E}$  such that there exist
  - a finite subset A of M, and a finite subset A' of M',
  - a pure subgroup H of G of cardinality at most  $|\Gamma|$  and a pure subgroup H' of G' of cardinality at most  $|\Gamma|$

such that

- (1)  $\beta$  is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -isomorphism between  $(\mathbf{cl}_{T}(A, H), H)$  and  $(\mathbf{cl}_{T}(A', H'), H')$ ,
- (2) A is  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ -independent over G, and A' is  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ -independent over G' with  $\beta(A) = A'$ ,
- (3)  $\Gamma$  is a pure subgroup of H and H'.

By Corollary 5.4,  $(\mathbf{cl}_T(A, H), H)$  and  $(\mathbf{cl}_T(A', H'), H')$  are  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -substructures of (M, G) and (M', G') respectively. Hence every element of S is a partial isomorphism between (M, G) and (M', G').

**Lemma 5.5.** The set S is a back-and-forth system.

*Proof.* In order to prove this statement, we will show that for every  $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$  and every  $a \in M$ , there is a  $\tilde{\beta} \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $\tilde{\beta}$  extends  $\beta$  and  $a \in dom(\gamma)$ . In fact, this is enough because of the symmetry of the setting.

Let  $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $a \in M$ . We can assume that  $a \notin dom(\beta)$ . Further let A, A', H, H' witness that  $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$ .

Case 1:  $a \in G$ .

Let p(x) be the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -type consisting of the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -type of a over  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A, H)$  and for every  $h \in H$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and n > 0 one of the formulas

$$(13) x^k \cdot h \in G^{[n]},$$

$$(14) x^k \cdot h \notin G^{[n]},$$

depending on whether it is true in (M,G) that  $a^kh \in G^{[n]}$  or not. Further let p' be the type over  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A',H')$  corresponding to p via  $\beta$ . We want to find an  $a' \in M'$  such that a' realizes p'. By compactness and saturation of (M',G'), it is enough to show that finitely many formulas of p' can be satisfied. By o-minimality of T, this reduces to find an  $a' \in M'$  with

(15) 
$$(M', G') \models \beta(c) < a' < \beta(d) \land \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \phi_i(a'),$$

for every  $c, d \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A, H)$  with c < a < d and every finite collection of formulas  $\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n$  of the form (13) or (14) with  $(M, G) \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \phi_i(a)$ . By Lemma 4.1, the set

$$Y := \{ g \in G' : (M', G') \models \bigwedge_{i=1}^{n} \phi_i(g) \}$$

is a finite union of cosets of  $G'^{[s]}$  in G' for some  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $G'^{[s]}$  is dense in G', we have that Y is dense in G' as well. Since G' is dense in M', we have that  $Y \cap (\beta(c), \beta(d))$  is dense in  $(\beta(c), \beta(d))$ . Now take any  $a' \in Y \cap (\beta(c), \beta(d))$ . This a' satisfies (15).

By definition,  $H_G\langle a\rangle$  and  $H'_{G'}\langle a'\rangle$  are the smallest pure subgroups of G and G' containing  $H \cup \{a\}$  and  $H' \cup \{a'\}$  respectively. Let  $\tilde{\beta}$  be the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -isomorphism which extends  $\beta$  to  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A, H, a)$  and maps a to a'. By conditions (13) and (14) we get for every  $h \in G$  that  $h \in H_G\langle a\rangle$  if and only if  $\tilde{\beta}(h) \in H'_{G'}\langle a'\rangle$ . Hence  $\tilde{\beta}$  is an isomorphism of  $(\mathbf{cl}_T(A, H, a), H_G\langle a\rangle)$  and  $(\mathbf{cl}_T(A', H', a'), H'_{G'}\langle a'\rangle)$  and  $\tilde{\beta} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Case 2:  $a \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A, G)$ .

Let  $g_1, \ldots, g_n \in G$  be such that  $a \in \mathbf{cl}_T(A, \{g_1, \ldots, g_n\})$ . By applying the previous case n times, we get a  $\tilde{\beta} \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $g_1, \ldots, g_n \in \mathrm{dom}(\tilde{\beta})$  and  $A \subseteq \mathrm{dom}(\tilde{\beta})$ . Since  $\mathrm{dom}(\tilde{\beta})$  is a model of  $T_{\Gamma}$ , we have  $a \in \mathrm{dom}(\tilde{\beta})$  with  $\tilde{\beta} \in \mathcal{S}$ . Case 3:  $a \notin \mathbf{cl}_T(A, G)$ .

Let C be the cut of a in  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A, H)$  and let C' be the corresponding cut of C under  $\beta$  in  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A', H')$ . By saturation, we can assume that there are  $p, q \in M'$  such that every element in the interval (p, q) realizes the cut C'. Let  $d \in M^{|A|}$  be the set A written as a tuple. Let  $f_1, \ldots, f_n$  be  $\emptyset$ -definable functions in the language  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ . By (A6), we know that there exists  $b \in (p, q)$  such that for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  and every tuple  $g_1, \ldots, g_l$  of elements of G'

$$f_i(g_1,\ldots,g_l,d)\neq b.$$

Thus by saturation, there is an  $a' \in (p,q)$  such that  $a' \notin \mathbf{cl}_T(A',G')$ . Since a' realizes the cut C', there is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -isomorphism  $\tilde{\beta}$  from  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A,a,H)$  to  $\mathbf{cl}_T(A',a',H')$  extending  $\beta$  and sending a to a'. Since  $a \notin \mathbf{cl}_T(A,G)$  and  $a' \notin \mathbf{cl}_T(A',G')$ , we get that

$$\mathbf{cl}_T(A, a, H) \cap G = H \text{ and } \mathbf{cl}_T(A', a', H') \cap G' = H'.$$

Since  $\beta(H) = H'$  and  $\tilde{\beta}$  extends  $\beta$ , we get that  $\tilde{\beta}$  is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -isomorphism from  $(\mathbf{cl}_T(A, a, H), H)$  to  $(\mathbf{cl}_T(A', a', H'), H')$  with  $\tilde{\beta}(A \cup \{a\}) = A' \cup \{a'\}$ . Thus we have that  $\tilde{\beta} \in \mathcal{S}$ .

**Theorem 5.6.** Assume Condition 2.1. Then  $\tilde{T}$  is complete.

*Proof.* Let (M, G) and (M', G') be two  $|\Gamma|^+$ -saturated models of  $\tilde{T}$ , and let S be as above. It only remains to show that S is non-empty. But it is easy to see that the identity map on  $\mathbf{cl}_T(\Gamma)$  belongs to S.

5.3. Quantifier elimination. In this subsection Theorem 5.1 is finally proved (see page 9 for the statement).

Proof of Theorem 5.1. Let (M,G) and (M',G') be two  $|\Gamma|^+$ -saturated models of  $\tilde{T}^+$  and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the back-and-forth system between (M,G) and (M',G') constructed above. Also take  $a=(a_1,\ldots,a_n)\in M^n$  and  $b=(b_1,\ldots,b_n)\in (M')^n$  satisfying the same quantifier-free  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$ -type. In order to prove quantifier elimination, we just need to find  $\tilde{\beta}\in\mathcal{S}$  sending a to b. Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $a_1,\ldots,a_r$  are maximally independent over G in respect to the pregeometry  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ . Since a and b have the same  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$ -type, we get that  $b_1,\ldots,b_r$  are independent over G' in respect to the pregeometry  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ . Let  $\beta$  be the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -isomorphism between  $\mathbf{cl}_T(\{a_1,\ldots,a_r\},\Gamma)$  and  $\mathbf{cl}_T(\{b_1,\ldots,b_r\},\Gamma)$ . We will now show that  $\beta$  extends to an isomorphism  $\tilde{\beta}$  in the back-and-forth-system  $\mathcal{S}$  sending a to b. Let  $g_1,\ldots,g_l\in G$  be such that  $a_{r+1},\ldots,a_n$  are in  $\mathbf{cl}_T(\{a_1,\ldots,a_r,g_1,\ldots,g_l\},\Gamma)$ . Let  $p(x_1,\ldots,x_l)$  be the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -type consisting of the  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -type of  $(g_1,\ldots,g_l)$  over  $\mathbf{cl}_T(\{a_1,\ldots,a_r\},\Gamma)$  and for every  $k_1,\ldots,k_l\in\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s\in\mathbb{N}$  and  $\gamma\in\Gamma$  one of the formulas

$$(16) x_1^{k_1} \cdot \ldots \cdot x_l^{k_l} \cdot \gamma \in G^{[s]},$$

$$(17) x_1^{k_1} \cdot \ldots \cdot x_l^{k_l} \cdot \gamma \notin G^{[s]},$$

depending on whether  $g_1^{k_1} \cdot \ldots \cdot g_l^{k_l} \cdot \gamma \in G^{[s]}$ . Let p' be the type corresponding to p under  $\beta$ . We want to find  $h_1, \ldots, h_l \in G'$  satisfying p'. By compactness and saturation of (M', G'), it is enough to show that every finite subset of p' can be realized. So let  $\psi(x, b_1, \ldots, b_r)$  be an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -formula in p' and  $\chi_1(x, b_1, \ldots, b_r), \ldots, \chi_t(x, b_1, \ldots, b_r)$  be finitely many formulas in p' of the form (16) or (17). Put  $\chi = \bigwedge_{i=1}^t \chi_i$ . By Lemma 4.1, the set

$$Y := \{(h_1, \dots, h_l) \in G'^l : (M', G') \models \chi(h_1, \dots, h_l, b_1, \dots, b_r))\}$$

is a finite union of cosets of  $(G'^{[s]})^l$  in  $(G')^l$  for some  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ . So the formula  $\chi_i(x, b_1, \ldots, b_r)$  is equivalent to an atomic  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$ -formula. Hence the formula  $\psi \wedge \chi$  is also of this form. Thus

$$\exists y_1 \cdots \exists y_l \bigwedge_{i=1}^l U(y_i) \wedge \psi(y_1, \dots, y_l, b_1, \dots, b_r) \wedge \chi(y_1, \dots, y_l, b_1, \dots, b_r)$$

is equivalent to a quantifier-free  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$ -formula. Since  $(a_1,\ldots,a_r)$  and  $(b_1,\ldots,b_r)$  have the same quantifier-free  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)^+$ -type, the formula

$$\exists y_1 \cdots \exists y_l \bigwedge_{i=1}^l U(y_i) \wedge \psi(y_1, \dots, y_l, b_1, \dots, b_r) \wedge \chi(y_1, \dots, y_l, b_1, \dots, b_r)$$

holds in (M', G'). So p' is finitely satisfiable. Now let  $h_1, \ldots, h_l \in G'$  realize p'. Then  $\beta$  extends to an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -isomorphism

$$\tilde{\beta}: \mathbf{cl}_T(\{a_1,\ldots,a_r,g_1,\ldots,g_l\},\Gamma) \to \mathbf{cl}_T(\{b_1,\ldots,b_r,h_1,\ldots,h_l\},\Gamma).$$

By the construction of  $g_1, \ldots, g_l$  and  $h_1, \ldots, h_l$ , we have that

$$g_1^{k_1}\cdot\ldots\cdot g_l^{k_l}\gamma\in G^{[s]}$$
 if and only if  $h_1^{k_1}\cdot\ldots\cdot h_l^{k_l}\gamma\in G'^{[s]}$ 

for all  $k_1, \ldots, k_l \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ . Hence  $\tilde{\beta}$  is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -isomorphism of

$$\left(\mathbf{cl}_T(\{a_1,\ldots,a_r,g_1,\ldots,g_l\},\Gamma),\Gamma_G\langle g_1,\ldots,g_l\rangle\right)$$
 and

$$(\mathbf{cl}_T(\{b_1,\ldots,b_r,h_1,\ldots,h_l\},\Gamma),\Gamma_{G'}\langle h_1,\ldots,h_l\rangle).$$

Hence  $\tilde{\beta} \in \mathcal{S}$ .

5.4. Induced structure and open core. In this subsection it will be shown that every open definable set in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Gamma)$  is already definable in the reduct  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau)$ . This establishes the second part of Theorem A. We use the following instance of [7], Theorem 5.2.

**Theorem 5.7.** Suppose that for every model  $(M, G) \models \tilde{T}$ ,

- for every finite  $B \subseteq M$  such that  $B \setminus G$  is  $cl_T$ -independent over G and
- for every set  $X \subseteq G^n$  definable in (M,G) with parameters from B,

the topological closure  $\overline{X}$  of X is definable in M over B. Then every open set definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau, \Gamma)$  is already definable in  $(\overline{\mathbb{R}}, x^{\tau}, \tau)$ .

In the remainder it will be shown that the assumption of Theorem 5.7 holds. Therefor let (M, G) be a model of  $\tilde{T}$  and let B be a finite subset of M such that  $B \setminus G$  is  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ -independent over G.

**Lemma 5.8.** Let  $X \subseteq G^n$  be definable in (M,G) with parameters from B. Then X is a finite union of sets of the form

(18) 
$$E \cap \bigcup_{i=1}^{l} \gamma_i \cdot (G^{[s]})^n.$$

where  $E \subseteq M^n$  is  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -B-definable,  $\gamma_1, \ldots, \gamma_l \in \Gamma^n$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Proof.* We may assume that (M,G) is a  $|\Gamma|^+$ -saturated model of  $\tilde{T}$ . By our assumption, B is a union of a finite set  $S \subseteq G$  and a set  $A \subseteq M$  which is  $\mathbf{cl}_T$ -independent over G. Let S be the back-and-forth system of partial  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ -isomorphisms between (M,G) and itself constructed above. Take  $g,g'\in G^n$  such that for every  $E\subseteq M^n$   $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -definable over  $B,\,\gamma_1,\ldots,\gamma_l\in\Gamma^n$  and  $s\in\mathbb{N}$  we have that

(19) 
$$g \in E \cap \bigcup_{i=1}^{l} \gamma_i(G^{[s]})^n \Leftrightarrow g' \in E \cap \bigcup_{i=1}^{l} \gamma_i(sG^{[s]})^n.$$

By Lemma 4.1 and (A3), the collection of finite union of sets of the form (18) is closed under boolean operations. Hence it suffices to show that there is  $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$  fixing B such that  $\beta$  maps g to g'. Since g satisfies all  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -formulas over B which are satisfied by g, there is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -isomorphism from  $\mathbf{cl}_T(g, B, \Gamma)$  to  $\mathbf{cl}_T(g', B, \Gamma)$  fixing  $B \cup \Gamma$  and mapping g to g'. We now show that  $\beta \in \mathcal{S}$ . Since  $B = S \cup A$ , it

is only left to prove that  $\beta(\Gamma\langle g, S \rangle) = \Gamma\langle g', S \rangle$ . Since  $\beta$  maps g to g' and fixes S, it is enough to show for all  $h \in \Gamma_G \langle S \rangle^n$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  and  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  that

$$g \in h \cdot D_{k,s}$$
 if and only if  $g' \in h \cdot D_{k,s}$ .

By Lemma 4.1 and (A3), there is are  $\gamma_1,\ldots,\gamma_{l_1},\delta_1,\ldots,\delta_{l_2}\in\Gamma^n$  such that  $h\cdot D_{k,s}=\bigcup_{i=1}^{l_1}\gamma_i(G^{[s]})^n$  and  $G^n\setminus(h\cdot\gamma D_{k,s})=\bigcup_{i=1}^{l_2}\delta_i(G^{[s]})^n$ . By (19), we have  $g\in h\cdot D_{k,s}$  if and only if  $g'\in h\cdot D_{k,s}$ . Hence  $\beta(\Gamma\langle g,S\rangle)=\Gamma\langle g',S\rangle$  and  $\beta\in\mathcal{S}$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.9.** Let  $X \subseteq G^n$  be definable in (M,G) with parameters from B. Then the topological closure  $\overline{X}$  of X is definable in M over B.

Proof. We prove that there is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -B-definable set  $E \subseteq M^n$  such that X is a dense subset of E. We do this by induction on n. The case n=0 is trivial. So let n>0. By Lemma 5.8 we may assume that there exists an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -B-definable set  $E_0$  and an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}(U)$ - $\emptyset$ -definable set  $D_0$  which is dense in  $G^n$  such that  $X=E_0\cap D_0$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that  $E_0$  is a cell. First consider the case that  $E_0$  is open. Then X is dense in  $E_0$ . Now consider the case that there is a projection  $\pi:M^n\to M^m$  such that m< n and  $\pi$  is homeomorphism of  $E_0$  onto its image and  $\pi(E_0)$  is open. Consider the set

$$X' := \{ (g_1, \dots, g_m) \in G^m \cap \pi(E_0) : \pi^{-1}(g_1, \dots, g_m) \in D_0 \}.$$

By the induction hypothesis, there is an  $\mathfrak{L}_{\Gamma}$ -B-definable subset  $E_1$  of  $\pi(E_0)$  such that X' is dense in  $E_1$ . By continuity of  $\pi^{-1}$ , the image of X' under  $\pi^{-1}$  is dense in the image of  $E_1$  under  $\pi^{-1}$ . Set  $E := \pi^{-1}(E_1)$ . Since  $X = \pi^{-1}(X')$ , we have that X is dense E.

5.5. **Proof of Theorem B.** As mentioned above, the proof of Theorem B, ie. the case  $\tilde{T} = T_{\Gamma}(\Delta)$ , is almost exactly the same as the proof of Theorem A. One only needs to replace 'H is a pure subgroup of G' by 'H is a  $\mathbb{Q}(\tau)$ -linear subspace of G' in the statement of Lemma 5.3 and the definition of the back-and-forth system  $\mathcal{S}$ , and adjust the proof of Lemma 5.5 and Theorem 5.1 accordingly.

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